

STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

Illinois Commerce Commission	:	
On Its Own Motion	:	
-VS-	:	
All Telecommunications Carriers	:	
holding 847 NXX Codes and Illinois	:	
Bell Telephone Company d/b/a	:	98-0497
Ameritech Illinois in its Capacity as	:	
Number Administrator	:	
	:	
Investigation into issues relating to	:	
the exhaustion of telephone numbers	:	
in the Chicago metropolitan area	:	

ORDER

By the Commission:

On May 11, 1998, the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") entered an order in Dockets 97-0192/97-0211 Consolidated ("Area Code Order") in which it set out conservation methods designed to delay or avoid the need for relief in Number Plan Area ("NPA") 847 and additional Chicago metropolitan NPAs regarding the exhaustion of telephone numbers.

On June 25, 1998, the Telecommunications Division of the Commission issued a Staff Report in which the Staff addressed number conservation measures, the irreversible action that begins an overlay implementation, and the important history and role of the ICC in area code relief. The Report provides a status and related information regarding the nine conservation measures, examines the importance of identifying the irreversible action and when it will occur. The Staff examines, the Commission's history in number administration, the role of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") in the administration of numbering and the history of local number portability (LNP) and number pooling. Staff recommends that the Commission initiate an investigation of compliance with the Area Code Order and that the Commission investigate the specific irreversible action that will start the implementation of the overlay back up plan ordered in 97-0197/97-0211.

Based on the analyses in the Report, the Staff recommends that the Commission initiate an immediate investigation to ensure that all 847 NXX code holders subject to the Area Code Order are complying with the conservation measures of the Order and also to specifically identify the irreversible action and determine when it will occur.

The Commission is aware of the time sensitive nature of the issues described in the Staff Report. Therefore, the Commission directs that the Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a Ameritech Illinois, as Number Administrator and all telecommunications carriers holding 847 NXX code, as listed in Appendix A, be made Respondents to this new proceeding. The Commission also requires all Respondents to provide the Commission Staff with responses to the questions that the Commission has presented in Appendix B to this order. These responses are to be submitted to the Commission Staff by July 8, 1998. Accordingly, the Commission is directing the Hearing Examiner assigned to this proceeding to submit to the Commission a post-exceptions proposed order for its consideration by August 4, 1998, with the Commission anticipating action on this during the week of August 10 through August 14. The Commission will not entertain any interlocutory review of any ruling or decision made by the Hearing Examiner in this proceeding.

The Commission having reviewed the record herein, which consists of the Staff Report dated June 25, 1998, and being fully advised in the premises, finds that:

- (1) the Commission has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this proceeding;
- (2) the recitals of fact set forth in the prefatory portion of this order are supported by the record and are hereby adopted as findings of fact;
- (3) the Staff Report dated June 25, 1998 should be made a part of the record of this proceeding;
- (4) those parties to Dockets 97-0192/97-0211 Consolidated should be made parties to this proceeding;
- (5) Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a Ameritech Illinois as the Number Administrator and all telecommunications carriers holding 847 NXX codes as listed in Appendix A should be named as Respondents to this proceeding;
- (6) an investigation should be initiated for the purposes espoused in the Staff Report dated June 25, 1998 and recounted above;
- (7) the scope of this investigation shall also include the following issues: (1) the possibility of a mandatory NXX-X thousand block return to the number pooling administrator; (2) the possibility of raising the contamination

threshold for any NXX-X thousand blocks to be returned; and, (3) the possibility of releasing the reserve of NXX codes for new carriers.

- (8) all Respondents are required to provide Commission Staff with responses to the questions that the Commission has presented in Appendix B to this order by July 8, 1998;
- (9) all responses by Respondents will be considered proprietary information and protected as such by the Commission pursuant to Section 200.430 of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Illinois Commerce Commission that a proceeding be initiated to:

- (1) ensure that all 847 NXX code holders subject to Dockets 97-0192/97-0211 Consolidated are complying with the conservation measures of that Order;
- (2) specifically identify the irreversible action and determine when it will occur; and
- (3) investigate the possibility of: a mandatory NXX-X thousand block return to the number pooling administrator; raising the contamination threshold for any NXX-X thousand blocks to be returned; and the number administrator releasing the reserve of NXX codes for new carriers.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties to Dockets 97-0192/97-0211 Consolidated are made parties to this proceeding.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a Ameritech Illinois as the Number Administrator and all telecommunications carriers holding 847 NXX codes listed in Appendix A of this order are named as Respondents in this proceeding.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Chief Clerk serve a copy of this Order on the designated agents of the parties and Respondents to this proceeding.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Staff Report dated June 25, 1998 be made a part of the record in this proceeding.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Respondents in this proceeding are required to provide the Commission Staff with responses to the questions presented by the Commission in Appendix B to this order by July 8, 1998.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties and Respondents to this proceeding appear at a time and place established by the Hearing Examiner appointed in this proceeding.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order is not final; it is not subject to the Administrative Review Law.

By order of the Commission this 29th day of June, 1998.

Chairman

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties and Respondents to this proceeding appear at a time and place established by the Hearing Examiner appointed in this proceeding.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order is not final; it is not subject to the Administrative Review Law.

By order of the Commission this 29th day of June, 1998.

(SIGNED) RICHARD L. MATHIAS

Chairman

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847 Area Code Mailing List - July 1997

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NUMBER CONSERVATION

Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a Ameritech Illinois, as Number Administrator, is required to supply the information for items 1 and 2.:

1. Report the quantity of wireline and wireless codes that the Number Administrator has recalled since the Number Administrator declared jeopardy as of May 1997 in the 847 NPA.
2. Report the quantity of wireline and wireless codes that telecommunications carriers have returned since the jeopardy was declared in the 847 NPA.

All telecommunications carriers holding 847 Codes are required to supply the information for items 3 through 5:

3. Report the quantity of codes, by wireline and wireless, that were assigned by the Number Administrator prior to April 1, 1998 that have not yet been activated.
4. Explain the reasons those codes in that have been listed in response to Number 3 above are not yet activated.
5. Report the quantify of codes, by wireline and wireless, that have been returned to the Number Administrator since jeopardy was declared in the 847 NPA.

Telecommunications Carriers that are Wireline Code Holders are required to supply the information for items 6 through 8.:

6. Provide the information that was provided to the pooling administrator regarding blocks that you agreed to donate to the number pools.
7. Report, by rate center, the quantity of thousand blocks you have in the 847 NPA with no numbers assigned.
8. Report, by rate center, the quantity of thousand blocks you have in the 847 NPA with 100 or fewer numbers assigned.

IRREVERSIBLE ACTION

Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a Ameritech Illinois, as Number Administrator, is required to supply the information for items 9 and 10:

9. Specifically identify the irreversible action that will start the implementation of the overlay back up plan and supply the reasons that the action is irreversible.
10. Describe how the date of the irreversible action can be determined.

OTHER ISSUES

The scope of this docket shall also include an investigation of the following three issues outlined in items 11, 12 and 13. Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a Ameritech Illinois, as Number Administrator must address these three items. Other active parties shall also address these issues:

11. The Commission will investigate the possibility of a mandatory NXX-X thousand block return to the number pooling administrator.
12. The Commission will investigate the possibility of raising the contamination threshold for any NXX-X thousand blocks to be returned.
13. The Commission will investigate the possibility of releasing the reserve of NXX codes for new carriers.